

## ACCESS TO ALL NRCS FACILITIES BY PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES Requirements

Sections 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 7 *CFR 15b* (4) require all offices and electronic communications to be accessible to persons with disabilities. Following are technical requirements for accessibility to sites, facilities, buildings, and elements by individuals with disabilities. The requirements are to be applied during the design, construction, addition to, alteration, and lease of sites, facilities, buildings, and elements to the extent required by regulations issued by Federal agencies under the Architectural Barriers Act of 1968 (ABA).

Building Accessibility Survey for NRCS Facilities.

Office Location (town):

State:

Date:

*(Include measurements)*

PARKING LOTS				
<b>208.2 Minimum Number. Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2.</b>  <i>Advisory 502.3 Access Aisle. Accessible routes must connect parking spaces to accessible entrances. In parking facilities where the accessible route must cross vehicular traffic lanes, marked crossings enhance pedestrian safety, particularly for people using wheelchairs and other mobility aids. Where possible, it is preferable that the accessible route not pass behind parked vehicles.</i>		YES	NO	N/A
1	At least 1 accessible space for every 25 standard parking spaces. <b>(F208)</b> Where parking spaces are marked with lines, width measurements of parking spaces and access aisles shall be made from the centerline of the markings			
2	Accessible space at least 96" wide with access aisle of 60" w/smooth access to building entrance. <b>(F208.2.4) Van Parking Spaces.</b> For every six or fraction of six parking spaces required by F208.2 to comply with 502, at least one shall be a van parking space complying with 502.			
3	<b>Curb ramps 406.1 General.</b> Curb ramps on accessible routes shall comply with 406, 405.2 through 405.5, and 405.10. <b>405.2 Slope.</b> Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12. <b>405.3 Cross Slope.</b> Cross slope of ramp runs shall not be steeper than 1:48. <b>405.4 Floor or Ground Surfaces.</b> Floor or ground surfaces of ramp runs shall comply with 302. Changes in level other than the running slope and cross slope are not permitted on ramp runs. <b>405.5 Clear Width.</b> The clear width of a ramp run and, where handrails are provided, the clear width between			

	handrails shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. <b>405.10 Wet Conditions.</b> Landings subject to wet conditions shall be designed to prevent the accumulation of water.			
4	<b>502.4 Floor or Ground Surfaces.</b> Parking spaces and access aisles serving them shall comply with 302. Access aisles shall be at the same level as the parking spaces they serve. Changes in level are not permitted.			
5	<b>502.6 Identification.</b> Parking space identification signs shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Signs identifying van parking spaces shall contain the designation "van accessible." Signs shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.			
6	<b>402 Accessible Routes. 402.2 Components.</b> Accessible routes shall consist of one or more of the following components: walking surfaces with a running slope not steeper than 1:20, doorways, ramps, curb ramps excluding the flared sides, elevators, and platform lifts. All components of an accessible route shall comply with the applicable requirements of Chapter 4. <b>404.2.5 Thresholds.</b> Thresholds, if provided at doorways, shall be 1/2 inch (13 mm) high maximum. Raised thresholds and changes in level at doorways shall comply with 302 and 303.			
7	<b>403.3 Slope.</b> The running slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:20. The cross slope of walking surfaces shall not be steeper than 1:48. <b>303 Changes in Level. 303.3 Beveled.</b> Changes in level between 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) high minimum and 1/2 inch (13 mm) high maximum shall be beveled with a slope not steeper than 1:2. <b>Advisory 303.3 Beveled.</b> <i>A change in level of 1/2 inch (13 mm) is permitted to be 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) vertical plus 1/4 inch (6.4 mm) beveled. However, in no case may the combined change in level exceed 1/2 inch (13 mm). Changes in level exceeding 1/2 inch (13 mm) must comply with 405 (Ramps) or 406 (Curb Ramps).</i>			
8	<b>403.5.1 Clear Width.</b> Except as provided in 403.5.2 and 403.5.3, the clear width of walking surfaces shall be 36 inches (915 mm) minimum. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> The clear width shall be permitted to be reduced to 32 inches (815 mm) minimum for a length of 24 inches (610 mm) maximum provided that reduced width segments are separated by segments that are 48 inches (1220 mm) long minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) wide minimum.			
9	<b>403.5.3 Passing Spaces.</b> An accessible route with a clear width less than 60 inches (1525 mm) shall provide passing spaces at intervals of 200 feet (61 m) maximum.			
10	<b>405.8 Handrails.</b> Ramp runs with a rise greater than 6 inches (150 mm) shall have handrails complying with 505.			
11	<b>405.1 General.</b> Ramps on accessible routes shall comply with 405. <b>405.2 Slope.</b> Ramp runs shall have a running slope not steeper than 1:12. <b>405.3 Cross Slope.</b> Cross slope of ramp runs shall not be steeper than 1:48. <b>405.7.1 Slope.</b> Landings shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted. <b>405.7.2 Width.</b> The landing clear width shall be at least as wide as the widest ramp run leading to the landing. <b>405.7.3 Length.</b> The landing clear length shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) long minimum.			

12	<p><b>505 Handrails 505.1 General.</b> Handrails provided along walking surfaces complying with 403, required at ramps complying with 405, and required at stairs complying with 504 shall comply with 505. <b>505.4 Height.</b> Top of gripping surfaces of handrails shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 38 inches (965 mm) maximum vertically above walking surfaces, stair nosings, and ramp surfaces. <b>505.5 Clearance.</b> Clearance between handrail gripping surfaces and adjacent surfaces shall be 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) minimum. <b>505.7.1 Circular Cross Section.</b> Handrail gripping surfaces with a circular cross section shall have an outside diameter of 1 1/4 inches (32 mm) minimum and 2 inches (51 mm) maximum.</p>			
13	<p><b>404.2.3 Clear Width.</b> Door openings shall provide a clear width of 32 inches (815 mm) minimum. Clear openings of doorways with swinging doors shall be measured between the face of the door and the stop, with the door open 90 degrees.</p>			
14	<p><b>404.2.6 Doors in Series.</b> The distance between two hinged or pivoted doors in series and gates in series shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) minimum plus the width of doors or gates swinging into the space.</p>			
15	<p><b>404.2.7 Door and Gate Hardware.</b> Handles, pulls, latches, locks, and other operable parts on doors and gates shall comply with 309.4. Operable parts of such hardware shall be 34 inches (865 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Where sliding doors are in the fully open position, operating hardware shall be exposed and usable from both sides. <b>404.2.8.1 Door Closers and Gate Closers.</b> Door closers and gate closers shall be adjusted so that from an open position of 90 degrees, the time required to move the door to a position of 12 degrees from the latch is 5 seconds minimum.</p>			
16	<p><b>404.2.9 Door and Gate Opening Force.</b> Fire doors shall have a minimum opening force allowable by the appropriate administrative authority. The force for pushing or pulling open a door or gate other than fire doors shall be as follows: 1. Interior hinged doors and gates: 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum. 2. Sliding or folding doors: 5 pounds (22.2 N) maximum. <b>404.2.8.1 Door Closers and Gate Closers.</b> Door closers and gate closers shall be adjusted so that from an open position of 90 degrees, the time required to move the door to a position of 12 degrees from the latch is 5 seconds minimum. <b>404.2.8.2 Spring Hinges.</b> Door and gate spring hinges shall be adjusted so that from the open position of 70 degrees, the door or gate shall move to the closed position in 1.5 seconds minimum.</p>			
17	<p><i>Advisory F216.2 Designations. Section F216.2 applies to signs that provide designations, labels, or names for interior rooms or spaces where the sign is not likely to change over time. Examples include interior signs labeling restrooms, room and floor numbers or letters, and room names. Tactile text descriptors are required for pictograms that are provided to label or identify a permanent room or space. Pictograms that provide information about a room or space, such as "no smoking," occupant logos, and the International Symbol of Accessibility, are not required to have text descriptors.</i></p>			
18	<p><b>F206.2.2 Within a Site.</b> At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site. <b>F216.2 Designations. Interior</b></p>			

	and exterior signs identifying permanent rooms and spaces shall comply with 703.1, 703.2, and 703.5. F216.3 Directional and Informational Signs. Signs that provide direction to or information about interior spaces and facilities of the site shall comply with 703.5.			
19	<b>308 Reach Ranges. 308.2 Forward Reach. 308.2.1 Unobstructed.</b> Where a forward reach is unobstructed, the high forward reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum and the low forward reach shall be 15 inches (380 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground. 308.2.2 Obstructed High Reach. Where a high forward reach is over an obstruction, the clear floor space shall extend beneath the element for a distance not less than the required reach depth over the obstruction. The high forward reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum where the reach depth is 20 inches (510 mm) maximum. Where the reach depth exceeds 20 inches (510 mm), the high forward reach shall be 44 inches (1120 mm) maximum and the reach depth shall be 25 inches (635 mm) maximum.			
20	<b>308.3 Side Reach. 308.3.1 Unobstructed.</b> Where a clear floor or ground space allows a parallel approach to an element and the side reach is unobstructed, the high side reach shall be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum and the low side reach shall be 15 inches (380 mm) minimum above the finish floor or ground.			
21	<b>604 Water Closets and Toilet Compartments. 604.2 Location.</b> The water closet shall be positioned with a wall or partition to the rear and to one side. The centerline of the water closet shall be 16 inches (405 mm) minimum to 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from the side wall or partition, except that the water closet shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum from the side wall or partition in the ambulatory accessible toilet compartment specified in 604.8.2. Water closets shall be arranged for a left-hand or right-hand approach. <b>604.3.1 Size.</b> Clearance around a water closet shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) minimum measured perpendicular from the side wall and 56 inches (1420 mm) minimum measured perpendicular from the rear wall.			
22	<b>604.5 Grab Bars.</b> Grab bars for water closets shall comply with 609. Grab bars shall be provided on the side wall closest to the water closet and on the rear wall. <b>604.5.1 Side Wall.</b> The side wall grab bar shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) long minimum, located 12 inches (305 mm) maximum from the rear wall and extending 54 inches (1370 mm) minimum from the rear wall. <b>604.5.2 Rear Wall.</b> The rear wall grab bar shall be 36 inches (915 mm) long minimum and extend from the centerline of the water closet 12 inches (305 mm) minimum on one side and 24 inches (610 mm) minimum on the other side. <b>EXCEPTIONS: 1. The rear grab bar shall be permitted to be 24 inches (610 mm) long minimum, centered on the water closet, where wall space does not permit a length of 36 inches (915 mm) minimum due to the location of a recessed fixture adjacent to the water closet. 609.2.1 Circular Cross Section.</b> Grab bars with circular cross sections shall have an outside diameter of 1 1/4 inches (32 mm) minimum and 2 inches (51 mm) maximum. <b>609.3 Spacing.</b> The space between the wall and the grab bar shall be 1 1/2 inches (38 mm). The space between the grab bar and projecting objects below and at the ends shall be 1 1/2 inches (38 mm) minimum. The space between the grab bar and projecting objects above shall be 12 inches (305 mm) minimum. <b>609.4 Position of Grab Bars.</b>			

	Grab bars shall be installed in a horizontal position, 33 inches (840 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the finish floor measured to the top of the gripping surface			
23	<b>604.8.2.2 Doors.</b> Toilet compartment doors, including door hardware, shall comply with 404, except that if the approach is to the latch side of the compartment door, clearance between the door side of the compartment and any obstruction shall be 42 inches (1065 mm) minimum. The door shall be self-closing. A door pull complying with 404.2.7 shall be placed on both sides of the door near the latch. Toilet compartment doors shall not swing into the minimum required compartment area.			
24	<b>604.8.1.1 Size.</b> Wheelchair accessible compartments shall be 60 inches (1525 mm) wide minimum measured perpendicular to the side wall, and 56 inches (1420 mm) deep minimum for wall hung water closets and 59 inches (1500 mm) deep minimum for floor mounted water closets measured perpendicular to the rear wall.			
25	<b>604.8.1.4 Toe Clearance.</b> The front partition and at least one side partition shall provide a toe clearance of 9 inches (230 mm) minimum above the finish floor and 6 inches (150 mm) deep minimum beyond the compartment-side face of the partition, exclusive of partition support members.			

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26	<b>604.9.1 Location.</b> The water closet shall be located with a wall or partition to the rear and to one side. The centerline of the water closet shall be 12 inches (305 mm) minimum and 18 inches (455 mm) maximum from the side wall or partition, except that the water closet shall be 17 inches (430 mm) minimum and 19 inches (485 mm) maximum from the side wall or partition in the ambulatory accessible toilet compartment specified in 604.8.2. Compartments shall be arranged for left-hand or right-hand approach to the water closet.			
27	<b>604.9.3 Height.</b> The height of water closets shall be 11 inches (280 mm) minimum and 17 inches (430 mm) maximum measured to the top of the seat. Seats shall not be sprung to return to a lifted position.			
28	<b>604.9.5 Flush Controls.</b> Flush controls shall be hand operated or automatic. Hand operated flush controls shall comply with 309.2 and 309.4 and shall be installed 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the finish floor. Flush controls shall be located on the open side of the water closet except in ambulatory accessible compartments complying with 604.8.2.			
29	<i>Advisory 604.7 Dispensers. If toilet paper dispensers are installed above the side wall grab bar, the outlet of the toilet paper dispenser must be 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor and the top of the gripping surface of the grab bar must be 33 inches (840 mm) minimum and 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the finish floor.</i>			

30	<b>605 Urinals. 605.2 Height and Depth.</b> Urinals shall be the stall-type or the wall-hung type with the rim 17 inches (430 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. Urinals shall be 13 1/2 inches (345 mm) deep minimum measured from the outer face of the urinal rim to the back of the fixture.			
31	<b>604.8.3 Coat Hooks and Shelves.</b> Coat hooks shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in 308. Shelves shall be located 40 inches (1015 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor.			
32	<b>606 Lavatories and Sinks. Advisory 606.1 General.</b> <i>If soap and towel dispensers are provided, they must be located within the reach ranges specified in 308. Locate soap and towel dispensers so that they are conveniently usable by a person at the accessible lavatory.</i> <b>606.3 Height.</b> Lavatories and sinks shall be installed with the front of the higher of the rim or counter surface 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. <b>606.4 Faucets.</b> Controls for faucets shall comply with 309. Hand-operated metering faucets shall remain open for 10 seconds minimum. <b>606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.</b> Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.			
33	<b>F211 Drinking Fountains. F211.1 General.</b> Where drinking fountains are provided on an exterior site, on a floor, and within a secured area they shall be provided in accordance with F211. <b>F211.2 Minimum Number.</b> No fewer than two drinking fountains shall be provided. One drinking fountain shall comply with 602.1 through 602.6 and one drinking fountain shall comply with 602.7. <b>(EXCEPTION: Where a single drinking fountain complies with 602.1 through 602.6 and 602.7, it shall be permitted to be substituted for two separate drinking fountains.)</b> <b>306.2 Toe Clearance. 306.2.1 General.</b> Space under an element between the finish floor or ground and 9 inches (230 mm) above the finish floor or ground shall be considered toe clearance and shall comply with 306.2. <b>306.2.2 Maximum Depth.</b> Toe clearance shall extend 25 inches (635 mm) maximum under an element. <b>306.2.3 Minimum Required Depth.</b> Where toe clearance is required at an element as part of a clear floor space, the toe clearance shall extend 17 inches (430 mm) minimum under the element. <b>306.2.5 Width.</b> Toe clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.			
34	<b>306.3 Knee Clearance. 306.3.1 General.</b> Space under an element between 9 inches (230 mm) and 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground shall be considered knee clearance and shall comply with 306.3. <b>306.3.2 Maximum Depth.</b> Knee clearance shall extend 25 inches (635 mm) maximum under an element at 9 inches (230 mm) above the finish floor or ground. <b>306.3.3 Minimum Required Depth.</b> Where knee clearance is required under an element as part of a clear floor space, the knee clearance shall be 11 inches (280 mm) deep minimum at 9 inches (230 mm) above the finish floor or ground, and 8 inches (205 mm) deep minimum at 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground. <b>306.3.4 Clearance Reduction.</b> Between 9 inches (230 mm) and 27 inches (685 mm) above the finish floor or ground, the knee clearance shall be permitted to reduce at a rate of 1 inch (25 mm) in depth for each 6 inches (150 mm) in height. <b>306.3.5 Width.</b> Knee clearance shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum.			
35	<b>602.4 Spout Height.</b> Spout outlets shall be 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground. <b>602.5 Spout Location.</b> The spout shall be located 15 inches (380 mm) minimum from the vertical support and 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front edge of the unit, including bumpers. <b>602.6</b>			

	<p><b>Water Flow.</b> The spout shall provide a flow of water 4 inches (100 mm) high minimum and shall be located 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front of the unit. The angle of the water stream shall be measured horizontally relative to the front face of the unit. Where spouts are located less than 3 inches (75 mm) of the front of the unit, the angle of the water stream shall be 30 degrees maximum. Where spouts are located between 3 inches (75 mm) and 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front of the unit, the angle of the water stream shall be 15 degrees maximum. <i>Advisory 602.6 Water Flow. The purpose of requiring the drinking fountain spout to produce a flow of water 4 inches (100 mm) high minimum is so that a cup can be inserted under the flow of water to provide a drink of water for an individual who, because of a disability, would otherwise be incapable of using the drinking fountain.</i></p>																																																	
36	<p><b>407 Elevators. 407.2.1 Call Controls.</b> Where elevator call buttons or keypads are provided, they shall comply with 407.2.1 and 309.4. Call buttons shall be raised or flush. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Existing elevators shall be permitted to have recessed call buttons. <b>407.2.1.1 Height.</b> Call buttons and keypads shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in 308, measured to the centerline of the highest operable part. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Existing call buttons and existing keypads shall be permitted to be located at 54 inches (1370 mm) maximum above the finish floor, measured to the centerline of the highest operable part. <b>407.2.1.2 Size.</b> Call buttons shall be 3/4 inch (19 mm) minimum in the smallest dimension. <b>EXCEPTION:</b> Existing elevator call buttons shall not be required to comply with 407.2.1.2. <b>407.2.1.3 Clear Floor or Ground Space.</b> A clear floor or ground space complying with 305 shall be provided at call controls.</p>																																																	
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38	<p><b>407.4.4 Leveling.</b> Each car shall be equipped with a self-leveling feature that will automatically bring and maintain the car at floor landings within a tolerance of 1/2 inch (13 mm) under rated loading to zero loading conditions.</p>																																																	
39	<p><b>504 Stairways. 504.2 Treads and Risers.</b> All steps on a flight of stairs shall have uniform riser heights and uniform tread depths. Risers shall be 4 inches (100 mm) high minimum and 7 inches (180 mm) high maximum. Treads shall be 11 inches (280 mm) deep minimum. <b>504.3 Open Risers.</b> Open risers are not permitted. <b>504.4 Tread Surface.</b> Stair treads shall comply with 302. Changes in level are not permitted.</p>																																																	

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41	<p><b>505.10.2 Top Extension at Stairs.</b> At the top of a stair flight, handrails shall extend horizontally above the landing for 12 inches (305 mm) minimum beginning directly above the first riser nosing. Extensions shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent stair flight. <b>505.10.3 Bottom Extension at Stairs.</b> At the bottom of a stair flight, handrails shall extend at the slope of the stair flight for a horizontal distance at least equal to one tread depth beyond the last riser nosing. Extension shall return to a wall, guard, or the landing surface, or shall be continuous to the handrail of an adjacent stair flight.</p>			